

## Remarks

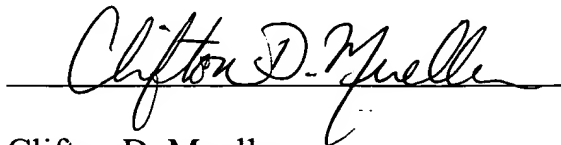
Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. Claims 1-13 are rejected. Claim 1 is amended. All rejections are respectfully traversed. A Request for Continued Examination is included with this response.

Claim 1 is amended to better clarify the scope of the claimed subject matter. The language added to the claim is taken directly from the specification, page 11, lines 16-18.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's agent at the number listed below. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 50-0749.

Respectfully submitted,  
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